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Attorney Docket No. 5552.0953-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Mathias FIBI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1642  
Application No.: 08/897,441 ) Examiner: K. Canella  
Filed: July 21, 1997 )  
For: *Erythropoietin (EPO) Peptides and* )  
*Antibodies Directed Against These* )

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Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 12, 2004, by a request for extension of 3 months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2-5.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin at page 6.

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